[English]

KUMARI MAMTA BANERJEE: What happened to the Cabinet approval of 1995?...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI R.L. JALAPPA: I cannot reply to so many Members at a time...*(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members we are left with only four minutes in the Question Hour.

[Translation]

SHRI HARIN PATHAK: Mr. Chairman, Sir, I would like to ask my question directly from the hon. minister because my Parliamentary Constituency is the most affected area of India in which around 50 mills are lying closed. Ahmedabad was regarded as Manchester of India but today several mills are lying closed there. Shri G. Venkatswamy who was a Minister in the previous Govt. had stated in this House that a scheme of Rs. 2000 crore had been formulated for the rehabilitation of workers of NTC mills. I would like to ask the hon. Minister...*(Interruptions)*

[English]

SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI: Sir, no mill should be allowed to close... *(Interruptions)* We are not going to hear this... *(Interruptions)* The hon. Minister has said that he had no money...*(Interruptions)* Sir, his answer was dangerous... *(Interruptions)* He says that he has no money and that he cannot implement the package...*(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, one at a time please.

(Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, this is not the way to speak.

(Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Will the hon. Minister answer Mr. Pathak's question.

(Interruptions)

SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI: Sir, if the package is not implemented the Minister must quit...*(Interruptions)*

12.00 hrs

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please sit down.

(Interruptions)

SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI: We do not want to compromise on this issue...*(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please sit down. Let me have the question too.

Will the hon. Minister give some assurance that the earlier decision taken by the Tripartite body be implemented?

SHRI R.L. JALAPPA: No, Sir. It is not possible... *(Interruptions)* The earlier decision cannot be implemented...*(Interruptions)* This is not pos-sible...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI: Why can it not be implemented? It is a betrayal to the workers...*(Interruptions)*

12.00 hrs.

(At this stage, Kumari Mamata Banerjee and some other hon. Members came and stood on the floor near the Table)

(Interruptions)

12.01 hrs.

(At this stage, Kumari Mamata Banerjee and some other hon. Members went back to their seats)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[Translation]

NTC Revival Plan

*483. DR. BALIRAM:

SHRI SANAT MEHTA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has prepared yet another modernisation plan for the ailing National Textile Corporation (NTC) Mills;

(b) if so, the broad features of this fresh NTC revival package;

(c) the approximate capital outlay involved and how it is proposed to raise; and

(d) the stage at which the matter stands at present?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) to (d): In the statement made on the floor of this House on 3.3.1997 the reasons for non-implementation of the Turn Around strategy for NTC mills approved by the Government in 1995 have been indicated. Since sale proceeds from surplus land are not available and the BIFR has not yet given its approval to the rehabilitation package, the NTC (Holding Company) have submitted a report after reviewing the economic viability of each of the mills by taking into consideration the concessions approved by the Government in 1995 and the concept of net worth becoming positive as per the BIFR norms. This report is presently under consideration of the Government. No final decision has yet been taken. The salient features of the revised Turn Around Strategy would be laid on the Table of the House as and when finalised.